

December 9, 2021 MINUTES

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Web Ex Conference Call

HCDB Members Present

Maury Zeitler, *Chair*

Mitra Basu

Linda Skelton

Grace Morris

Koe Murphy

Walter Davis

HCDB Members Absent

Mike Sloan, *Vice Chair*

Staff Present

Kelly Cimino, *Director*

Quanita Kareem, *Compliance Officer*

Danielle, Emche, *Grants Specialist*

Guests

Byrdy Kelly

Recording Secretary

Tom Wall

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:07 P.M.

- With a quorum present, Chairperson Zeitler called the December 9, 2021 meeting of the Department of Housing and Community Development Board to order at 6:05 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- *Grace Morris motioned to approve the October 14, 2021 Agenda as submitted. Linda Skelton seconded. Motion passed 6-0.*

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Brydy Kelly, Melan Property Management
- Danielle Emche, Housing Department Grants Division

IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2021 MINUTES

- The October 14, 2021 Minutes were emailed to all board members for review and comments. *Walter Davis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mitra Basu seconded. Motion passed 6-0.*

V. DHCD REPORT – Kelly Cimino

- COVID Assistance
 - As of December 1, 2021, \$15.4 million of rental, mortgage and utility assistance has been disbursed, enabling 1,849 households to remain in their homes. \$17.7 million of funding remains available.
 - The disbursement of the funds in partnership with and through County's non-profit agencies has proven to be an effective model.
- Greenfields
 - Monday December 6, 2021, the County Council unanimously passed the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance waiver allowing the project to move forward. Greenfields project will serve 9 adults with disabilities.
 - Homes could be delivered to site within the next two to three months.
 - Possible ribbon cutting in April/May.
- Rental Housing Survey
 - In partnership with the Howard County Housing Commission, the Department has selected Real Property Real Estate Group to perform a rental housing survey. Survey is expected to be completed in early 2022.
 - Survey will detail all rental units within the County, vacancies and number of renter households.
- New Communities
 - Long Gate – Construction has started on townhomes in Ellicott City. Alternative compliance was approved for developer to provide 5 LIHU homes there.
 - Dorsey Ridge- NV Homes currently selling these homes in Columbia. Market prices exceed \$700K. MIHU price is expected to be \$340K.
- MIHU Activity
 - The department typically awards 28 to 30 units annually. In the current year, builders have requested priority periods for 60 MIHU homes.

VI. ACTION ITEM – Approval of January 2022 MIHU, LIHU and DIHU Pricing and Standards

- The 2022 MIHU, LIHU pricing schedules were provided to the board in advance.
- The driving factors for the change in pricing is the increase in Howard County median income from \$117,300 in 2021 to \$121,600 for 2022, and the interest rate increase from 2.65% in 2021 to 3.1% for 2022.
- Action Item – approve the 2022 MIHU, LIHU and DIHU pricing and standards.
- *Walter Davis motioned to approve the pricing. Mitra Basu seconded. Motion passed 6-0.*

VII. ACTION ITEM – Election of Officers for 2022-2023

- Walter Davis has agreed to serve as Chair and Grace Morris has agreed to serve as Vice Chair.
- Action Item – Approve the election of Walter Davis as Chair and Grace Morris as Vice Chair.
- *Koe Murphy motioned. Mitra Basu seconded. Motion passed 6-0*

VIII. REVIEW – Meeting Dates

- Schedule of 2022 meeting dates was provided to board members in advance.
- Meetings will remain virtual until further guidance from County Administration.

IX. Member Comments

- Maury Zeitler stated it has been a pleasure to serve as chair and is passing the baton to Walter Davis and Grace Morris.

X. Adjournment

- *Grace Morris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35. Walter Davis seconded. Motion passed 6-0*

Respectfully submitted by,
Tom Wall